

Woodland Park Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors

**City Hall – Council Chambers
220 W. South Avenue, Woodland Park CO**

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

June 11, 2019 – 7:30AM

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: Merry Jo Larsen, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:45AM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IN ATTENDANCE – Board of Directors: Merry Jo Larsen (Chair), Nick Pinell (Vice Chair), Tanner Coy (Treasurer), Ellen Carrick, Jan Wilson, Jerry Good, Elijah Murphy

Absent: Al Born, Kellie Case

Others Present: Lynn Jones, Kory Katsimpalis, Stacey Magnuson, Amy Jacob

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

MOTION: To accept the agenda. Coy/Good Passed 7 - 0

CANDIDATE INTRODUCTIONS AND INTERVIEWS

Kory Katsimpalis and Stacey Magnuson briefly introduced themselves. Kory recently moved to Woodland Park with his family from Buena Vista. Stacey has lived in Woodland Park for about a year. Each candidate left the room while the other was interviewed.

Kory stated that he is not looking for full-time work at this point and is attracted to the limited hours; he and his wife have a 4-year-old, so the hours are good. This position is appealing because of the ability to get to know this community and more about the economic vitality. His wife will be the new Finance Director of the City of Woodland Park. Kory stated that there would not be any issues with confidentiality and that he has been in this situation before. In Buena Vista, he chaired the Main Street Board for two years and participated on the other committees. Tanner Coy mentioned that he and Al Born met with Kory prior to today's meeting. Kory stated that his compensation in his previous position was \$20/hour and he would like to not be far off from that; he added that he understands there are no benefits associated with the compensation. He has been heavily involved in wayfinding and understands how important it is for people to be able to move around in a community with comfort and clarity. In Chaffee County, one of his responsibilities was to be an ambassador; he likes that type of role. Through his Main Street experience, he coordinated a free space for musicians to play. In 2016, the County went through a full website re-development; Kory developed all the content and worked with the web developer. He and his wife feel they will be here in this community for a long time. In five years, Kory hopes to become a voice and trusted part of this community. He feels transparency and honesty are the bedrocks of business. Kory left the meeting at the conclusion of his interview.

Stacey Magnuson feels her strengths are in writing, design and communications. She is currently pursuing a degree through UCCS and works part-time at the Pig Out food truck on the weekends. Stacey added that she loves meeting with people and feels she could help with the marketing of Woodland Station to developers. She has a lot of friends in the media and thinks she could help create a more positive buzz. Her experience includes writing newsletters and content editing. She feels she could serve as a liaison between the DDA and City Council. Stacey added that she has had previous work experience with maintaining confidentiality. Her long-term goals include finishing school, pursuing legal aspirations and working full-time. Integrity is bottom line. Stacey stated that she has no problem with public speaking. Regarding the limited hours for this position, her eventual goal will be full-time. For the future of Woodland Park, Stacey thinks it's important to create an atmosphere where people want to stop. Stacey suggested creating more buzz with real estate agents to motivate more business activity in empty spaces. She added that maybe more family activity related establishments would be a good idea here. Stacey left the meeting at the conclusion of her interview.

The other candidate, Nora Broady, couldn't attend today's meeting. Amy Jacob suggested that the Board would need to meet with her since she was scheduled today but couldn't make it due to illness. A Special Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 13, at 7:30AM; the Board will meet with her and then go into Executive Session to discuss all three candidates.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Nick Pinell suggested the need for signage for the carriage sculpture at Woodland Station and to decide whether people will be allowed to get into the stagecoach for pictures. The horses still need to be staked down. Jerry Good recommended not allowing people to sit in the carriage. Elijah Murphy recommended a hitching post chain around the sculpture to keep people from climbing on it. Jan Wilson suggested checking with Suzanne Leclercq about what should be done from an insurance perspective. Tanner Coy asked about what needs to be done to the sculpture from a finishing aspect. Pinell explained that the steel has been primed and made to look rusted. Murphy suggested placing it on flagstone to prolong the finish at the bottom. Ellen Carrick suggested that the new person hired could lead the fundraising campaign for the sculpture.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA


None.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05AM.

MOTION: To adjourn meeting. Murphy/Wilson Passed 7 - 0

Recorded by: Lynn Jones, Assistant to the Board.

APPROVED THIS 20th DAY OF July, 2019



Al Born, Secretary